

ALEXANDER WILEY (R-WIS.) TODAY ACCUSED SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT (D-ARK.) WITH USING THE U-2 SPY PLANE INCIDENT FOR "PARTISAN POLITICS" AND FOR "UNDERMINING CONFIDENCE IN U. S. POLICY."

IN A STRONGLY-WORDED REPLY TO FULBRIGHT'S SPEECH EARLIER THIS WEEK ON THE COMMITTEE'S INQUIRY INTO THE U-2 INCIDENT, WILEY DEFENDED ADMINISTRATION HANDLING OF THE MATTER THROUGHOUT AND OFFERED A POINT-BY-POINT REBUTIAL OF FULBRIGHT'S CHARGES.

WILEY, RANKING GOP MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, SAID HE HAD FEARED THE INQUIRY WOULD BE USED "FOR PARTISAN POLITICS OR FOR UNDERMINING CONFIDENCE IN U. S. POLICY...THERE NOW SEEMS TO BE A DETERMINED EFFORT IN THIS DIRECTION."

HE SAID IN A SPEECH PREPARED FOR THE SENATE THAT "STRANGELY--AND CONTRADICTIONARY AS IT MAY SEEM--THE BIGGEST NOISE AND GREATEST EFFORT TO PIN BLAME ON U. S. POLICY APPEARS TO BE COMING -- SECOND ONLY TO MOSCOW -- FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE."

FULBRIGHT, IN HIS SPEECH, ESPECIALLY CRITICIZED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER FOR TAKING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE U-2 INCIDENT. HE ALSO SAID ADMINISTRATION HANDLING OF THE ENTIRE MATTER HAD BROUGHT THE UNITED STATES TO A NEW LOW IN INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE.

WILEY SAID THAT HISTORY WILL SHOW THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT HAD BEEN U. S. GOVERNMENT POLICY TO SEEK INFORMATION ABOUT SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITIES BY AIRPLANE PHOTOGRAPHY."

HE SAID "THIS IS A NEW DAY IN A CHANGING WORLD, THAT CALLS FOR HONESTY AND INTEGRITY IN WORLD DIPLOMACY. "THANK GOD, THE PRESIDENT DEMONSTRATED IT."

HE ACCUSED FULBRIGHT OF A SELF-RIGHTEOUS, 20-20 HINDSIGHT AS TO THE HANDLING BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF PRESS RELEASES AND THE ELECTION BY THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A LARGE-SCALE AND MOST SUCCESSFUL SECURITY OPERATION."